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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Jacques DEGELAEN et al. : **ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Serial No. NEW :  
Filed March 26, 1999 : Attorney Docket No.  
292/167237

PROCESS FOR DETERMINING ANTIBIOTICS  
CONTAINING A  $\beta$ -LACTAM RING IN A  
BIOLOGICAL FLUID

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".  
Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2".  
Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2".  
Claim 7, line 1, change "any one of Claims 3 to 6" to --  
claim 3 --.  
Claim 8, line 1, change "any one of Claims 3 to 6" to --  
claim 3 --.  
Claim 9, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 8" to --  
claim 1 --.  
Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 9" to --  
claim 1 --.